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May 12, 2008

The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1025; Scholarships; Disabled Pupils; Good Cause

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1025, the bill that would have allowed the Arizona Department of Education to waive certain eligibility requirements to the Arizona Scholarships for Pupils with Disabilities Program, the program that allows disabled students to use public funds to pay for private school tuition.

The Arizona Scholarships for Pupils with Disabilities Program is currently the subject of litigation, and the continued existence of the program is unpredictable. As recently as April 23, 2008, the Arizona Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in the matter. It is premature to expand a program in the midst of this type of legal challenge.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1025.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:LK

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Linda Gray

FAILED

Passed the House April 21, 20 08

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

29 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Speaker of the House

Speman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 11, 20 08

by the following vote: 18 Ayes,

8 Nays, 4 Not Voting

Timothy S. Bee
President of the Senate

Charmine Billington
Secretary of the Senate

~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR~~

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this~~

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Governor of Arizona~~

S.B. 1025

~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE~~

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State~~

~~this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

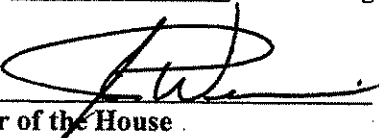
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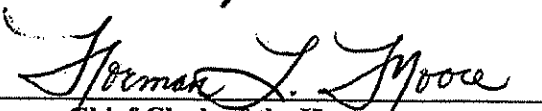
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Secretary of State~~

Passed the House April 21, 2008

by the following vote: 31 Ayes,

29 Nays, 0 Not Voting


Speaker of the House


Chief Clerk of the House

ON RECONSIDERATION
S.B. 1025

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 7, 2008

by the following vote: 24 Ayes,

4 Nays, 2 Not Voting

Timothy S. Bee
President of the Senate

Charmion Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

7th day of May, 2008

at 11:52 o'clock a. M.

Wendee Ibarra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at VETO o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 12 day of May, 2008

at 4:58 o'clock p. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

S.B. 1025